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Application Number 09/622,776**Filing Date** August 22, 2000**First Named Inventor** John Burczak**Art Unit** 1642**Examiner Name** Susan N.M.N. Ungar**Attorney Docket Number** DEX-0079**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application**

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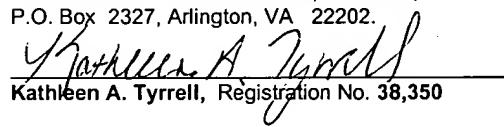
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Preliminary Amendment

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A request for a three (3) month extension of time and appropriate fee are filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.